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To the DAILY GAZETTEER.

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To a Time when this Nation is respected by all Nations for its Learning and Knowledge, as Mr. Bayle witnesseth, 'tis strange to see the People so shamefully imposed upon by obscure illiterate Pretenders to History, with the Advantage of promising Titles to their Books, made for them their Booksellers abroad and at Home: For their Editions out of France are, for the most Part, the Works of hired Men in Holland writing for a Market.

is the Continuation of Rapin, written by one which, with the same noble View only, is translating and vending by the common Street-sellers in Parcels, as a valuable Piece; whereas it is wretched and poorest that the Dutch Booksellers have to Sale in the Memory of Man: An Original, in every equal to the Translator, but as unequal to his History, as it would be to tack a common Paper to the Trial of the Earl of Strafford or Archbishop Laud; as I am about to prove by various

instances. INSIDES the Falseness and Poverty of the Matter is pretended Continuation, a Spirit of Jacobitism runs thro' the whole, which renders it very hurtful and shocking to all true Britons that into it.

or a Proof of this, I need only refer you to p. 450, elsewhere of the Continuation of Rapin, for a Part of the villainous Character therein given of King William, *viz.*

He seldom appear'd cheerful and gay. — He was an habitual Dissimulation and Reservedness. — took Counsel and Contradiction ill. — His Servants suffered from the Violence of his Passions. —

hated the Cares of Civil Government. — He recourse to Camps to avoid the vexations of the — He had more Courage than Conduct, often committed Faults which his Valour could repair. — He wanted Application as well as

Attention to publick Affairs; was Prodigal on his Vourites and Buildings, sparing of his Rewards for

Services, Industry and Virtue. — He seldom got of Impressions to any one's Disadvantage. — He was too much Kindness to the Dutch, and too little to the English. — Some say he lov'd Solitude and Hunting, to avoid the Cares of Government, out of mere Laziness, went so often to Holland.

— He promised more than he resolved to perform.

— He was very loth to place a Confidence in English, who were afraid of him, and that made him to earnest to set Limits to his Power and Encroaches. — Tis certain that it was Policy more than

Love, which drew from the People so many Expressions of Grief and Sorrow in all Parts at his death. — The greatest Number in the Main regretted it; and if they durst, they would have given the Animal that made the Hole, which occasioned Fall and Death, a Place among the Stars.

his Heap of Lies and Scandal on the Glorious and

Mortal Memory of our Great Deliverer, is but a small of the like Entertainment, which the Purchasers of Continuation will have parcelled out to them against Revolution and its Friends.

the English Nation he says, "Tis impossible to get with a King that can content a People, who like the most precious Prerogatives of Liberty without Mercy."

Readers must needs be very fond of a History, which is adorned with such fine Coupliments on their Understanding and Temper.

is also Part of the Panegyric which Rapin's pretended Continuator bestows upon King James II.

We find, says he, in his last Words, the Piety

which few Persons openly profess: Indeed few Sovereigns could compare with him for Piety. He was

ashamed of being religious in the Court of King Charles II. The Duke of Berwick, the Dutchess of

and his other natural Children, are most extraor-

dinary Proofs of unparalleled Piety! He loved the English Nation very much, and, in his Exile at St. Germain, he was extremely afflicted at the Advantages the French obtained over them.

Tis common with this Continuator to call King William an Usurper, and to give the Pretender the Title of the Queen's Brother, of whom he writes thus:

QUEEN Anne had not at all contributed to the Revolution, (Witnesses her putting herself into the Hands of the Revolutionaries at Nottingham) which had put her in her Father's Place. She thought it no Glory to render the Revolution immortal. (Witnesses her declaring from the Throne, she would employ none but Persons of Revolution Principles.) Perhaps, adds the Continuator, she loved her Brother not well enough to quit the Crown to him, but to desire he might enjoy it after her.

In another Place he falls again upon King William thus:

Wou'd the People of England, says he, have been so eager for a War with France, had they known King William designed by it only to reign the more arbitrary, and to deliver himself from the vexations given him by the Zeal of the Parliament?

THE Tories, adds he, reproached King William with suffering, if not encouraging, Licentiousness in Divinity and Morality. How well this agrees with what he says p. 370, King William deserved the affection of the People by his Piety and Virtue? And how does that agree with what he says in another Place, the King's Amours were made publick? The Translator of such a Book as this, must have very little Knowledge sure of Men and Things, or he would have softened or left out such intolerable Passages. His End is answered when his Bookseller has his Copy; and his Bookseller's End would be answered, if his Parcels were continued to be taken off of his Hands, which surely cannot happen, when Britons know what Wares are preparing for them. I shall conclude this Letter with a Specimen of his Blunders as well as Falshoods.

He affirms there were none but the Vulgar at the Instalment, when the Earl of Albemarle was instituted Knight of the Garter. — He blames the Government in King William's Reign, for not fixing the Salaries of Justices of the Peace, and for limiting their Commissions to quamdius bene gererint. Prince George, he says, p. 418, was Captain of the Guards at Queen Anne's Coronation, and had such a Revenue by his Places, that, after he allowed the Tenth of Prizes out of his Perquisites as Admiral, he had a greater Income than the King of Denmark. — He affirms there were several Presbyterians in the Assassination Plot; and that Fenwick's Conspiracy was a Contrivance of King William's Ministers. — After having said, in several Places, that France was extremely poor, he says, that, in the first Confederate War, she took Advantage of the Superiority of her Troops and her Riches. — After what we have seen of the Inclination of the English to deify the Animal that dug the Hole which occasioned King William's Fall and Death, is it not amazing to read in this pretended Continuation, the Gratitude and Affection of the best Part of the Nation to King William? P. 312 he tells us the Reasoning of the Members of Parliament upon the Disbanding, before there was any Meeting of Parliament; and that King William said, about the Disbanding Votes, If he could have imagined, that, after what he had done for the English, he should have been so recompensed, he would never have meddled in their Affairs, and was weary of governing such an ungrateful People. — He asserts, that the Duke of Gloucester was Colonel of the Dutch Blue Guards, which never had an English Colonel. — He writes against, not only the Ninth Electorate, erected for the illustrious House of Hanover, but against the French Protestants, his own Countrymen, of the same Religion with himself.

He says George Porter, the Evidence in the Assassination Plot, had 500 l. a Week; and that the People of England murmured because Prince Anne of Denmark was not made Head, or Chief of the Lord's Justices in King William's Absence.

I could not have known the Difference between Rapin's History and the Continuator's so well as I do, had I not carefully revised Rapin himself, which has thrown several Reflections in my way that common Readers are little aware of, but I doubt not will be

equally entertaining and informing, if it shall be found convenient to make them publick in this or any other Manner.

L O N D O N .

Mary Walker alias Molineux, who was committed to Newgate the first Day of August last by Sir Richard Brocas, for falsely swearing before him, that Michael Willis and Robert Willis, had the Night before robbed her in Leadenhall-street of a Gold Ring value 15 s. was on Monday last at the Sessions House in the Old Bailey tried for that Offence, and for a Conspiracy with Isabella Eaton her Mistress, to swear the said Robbery,

— The Evidence being very full and clear, the Jury, without withdrawing, found her Guilty, and the Court sentenc'd her to pay a Fine of 5 l. to suffer six Months Imprisonment, and to find Sureties for her good Behaviour for 12 Months. — Mr. A. B.'s scandalous Deportment upon this Occasion, would have been astonishing, if he had not been well known.

Monday last Mr. Seagoe, Master of the Coffee-house at Bernard's Inn Gate in Holborn, died suddenly.

We hear that Sir Swinnerton Dyer, Bart. is in a good State of Health at his House in Kensington.

Yesterday his Excellency the Baron de Borke, Ambassador from the King of Prussia, who arrived here on Sunday last, was introduced, by the Right Hon. the Lord Harrington, to a private Audience of his Majesty.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford, one of the fifteen Peers of Scotland, is ill of a Fever at the Hague.

On Saturday last Miss Vane, Daughter to the Right Hon. the Lord Barnard, set out for the Bath, for the Recovery of her Health.

Her Grace the Duchess of Buckingham is judged to be in a fair Way of Recovery.

Yesterday Morning died at his House at St. Mary le Bone, William Griffin of the Devizes, Esq;

The same Day Sir Henry Fetherstone, Bart. lay dangerously ill at his House in Southampton-street.

To-morrow Thomas Lake of Harrow-on-the-hill, Esq; is to be married to Miss Gumley, Daughter of the late Commissary General of his Majesty's Land Forces.

Last Monday died at Hollyport near Windsor, — Thorpe, Esq;

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